

Maureen F. Gorsen, Director Department of Toxic Substances Control

Prior to her appointment as Director, Ms. Gorsen served as the Deputy Secretary for Law Enforcement and General Counsel at the California Environmental Protection Agency where she was responsible for ensuring that the enforcement efforts of Cal/EPA's

various boards, departments and local agencies were carried out in a consistent, effective and coordinated manner to protect public health and the environment.

In addition to her work at Cal/EPA, Ms. Gorsen was a partner with the law firm of Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava & MacCuish LLP in Los Angeles for five years, where her practice focused on environmental compliance and land use.

From 1993 to 1998, Ms. Gorsen was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson as the General Counsel for the California Resources Agency where, among other duties, she was responsible for reform and revisions of the 1998 CEQA Guidelines and issues relating to the California Endangered Species Act, the Williamson Act and the Coastal Act.

Ms. Gorsen earned her law degree from Georgetown University, received her master's degree in international energy and environmental policy from Johns Hopkins University, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Gorsen and her husband, Mitchell, have two sons, Benjamin and Zachary.

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